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**REQUEST
FOR
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| <i>Patent & Trademark</i> | Application Number | 09/672,476 |
| | Filing Date | September 28, 2000 |
| | First Named Inventor | Ota et al. |
| | Art Unit | 3629 |
| | Examiner Name | Igor N. Borissov |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 80376 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

- b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Pet. for Ext. of Time; Fee Trans; postcard

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920

- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) ii. 04/26/2005 SFELEKE1 00000090 09672476
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
iii. Other _____

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| Name (Print / Type) | Gerald T. Shekleton | Registration No. (Attorney / Agent) | 27,466 |
| Signature | | Date | April 21, 2005 |

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PATENT TRADOM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2004

Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**\$1,810.00****Complete if Known**

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | _____ |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity |
|----------|--------------|
| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity |
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| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |

Multiple dependent claims

Multiple Dependent Claims

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| - 20 or HP = | x | \$50.00 | = \$0.00 | _____ | _____ |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|---------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| - 3 or HP = | x | \$200.00 | = \$0.00 |

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listing under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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| - 100 = | / 50 | (round up to a whole) | x \$250.00 | = \$0.00 |

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g. late filing surcharge): RCE Filing Fee; Extension of Time Fee

\$1,810.00

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